

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1714. An act to clarify the boundaries of the Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P.

H.R. 3227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building".

H.R. 5057. An act to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5464. An act to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5506. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building".

H.R. 5618. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 297. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the Armed Forces.

H. Con. Res. 369. Concurrent resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

H. Con. Res. 381. Concurrent resolution honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 6331) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1714. An act to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow stocking fish

in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5506. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5618. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 297. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 369. Concurrent resolution honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3268. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 15, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2967. An act to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-410. A letter from the Society for Radiation Oncology Administrators urging the Senate to add certain medical imaging technologies to the list of procedures for which minimum education and credential standards are currently required; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-411. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey urging Congress to not require purchase of flood insurance based on new flood insurance rate maps; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is charged with reviewing, revising, and updating flood insurance rate maps Under section 1360 of the "National Flood Insurance Act of 1968" (42 U.S.C. s.4101); and

Whereas, as part of the this charge, through the National Flood Insurance Pro-

gram's Map Modernization Program, FEMA is conducting a national reassessment of flood insurance rate maps as authorized and funded by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, FEMA is currently reviewing and revising the maps for the Bayshore area in Monmouth County, and has determined that the existing beach and dune system located along the Raritan Bay in the Borough of Keansburg, Monmouth County, does not comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program's regulations found at section 65.10 of title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations concerning FEMA Levee Accreditation; and

Whereas, as a result of FEMA's flood map modernization effort, several thousand residents of the State in the Township of Hazlet, the Borough of Keansburg, the Township of Middletown, and the Borough of Union Beach will be now be required to purchase flood insurance; and

Whereas, the currently effective maps for the affected area are from 1983, prior to the federal regulations established in 1986 which are the basis for the determination that the area is in non-compliance; and

Whereas, H.R. 3121, known as the "Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007," currently pending in the United States Senate, would make a number of changes to the National Flood Insurance Program, including prohibiting FEMA from adjusting the chargeable flood insurance premium rate based on an updated flood insurance rate map, or requiring the purchase of flood insurance for a property not subject to such a purchase requirement before the updating of the map, until such time as an updated map is completed for the entire district of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers affected by the map: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that would prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from requiring the purchase of new flood insurance based on revised flood insurance rate maps developed as part of the National Flood Insurance Program's Map Modernization Program so that New Jersey residents do not have to incur the cost of the purchase of flood insurance.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, all members of the United States Congress representing the State of New Jersey, and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

POM-412. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reauthorize transportation funding with appropriate recognition of the importance of the Great Lakes' infrastructure to the nation's economy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 194

Whereas, the future viability of the United States' economy depends on the ability to produce and export marketable products. The state of Michigan is an integral part of the North American manufacturing supply chain, with its international borders and waterways. The Detroit and Port Huron crossings are the busiest land borders in the entire country, bringing \$2 trillion in trade value into this country each year; and

Whereas, transportation infrastructure support is necessary to facilitate the movement of products back and forth, across our borders and around the country, thus feeding the United States' economy. Michigan's aging transportation infrastructure carries an enormous amount of heavy truck traffic to that end and is in need of structural upgrades and expansion; and

Whereas, Michigan has been a donor state for transportation dollars for many years. As such, Michigan has subsidized transportation projects in other states to the detriment of state infrastructure and in disproportion to our contribution to the national economy; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize Congress to reauthorize transportation funding with appropriate recognition of the importance of the Great Lakes' infrastructure to the nation's economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-413. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging Congress to use as guiding principles the sovereignty of the United States and the best interests of its citizens on matters relating to the adoption of treaties and agreements with foreign governments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 2003

Whereas, the President and the Congress of the United States during the course of their duties often times enter into treaties and other bilateral and multi-lateral agreements with foreign nations and organizations of foreign nations, such as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America; and

Whereas, some treaties and agreements by intent, error or misinterpretation might have adverse negative effects on the sovereignty and best interests of the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, Congressman Virgil Goode, Jr. and 46 cosponsors have introduced House Concurrent Resolution 40 to express "the sense of Congress that the United States should not engage in the construction of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a North American Union with Mexico and Canada"; and

Whereas, the citizens of the United States have historically cherished, fought for and died to protect the sovereignty of the United States; and

Whereas, the guiding principle behind the foreign policy of the United States of America should always be to advance what is in the best interests of the citizens of the United States, politically, socially and economically. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That, in all matters relating to the adoption of treaties and agreements with foreign governments and organizations of foreign governments, the President and Congress use as guiding principles the maintenance of the historically cherished sovereignty of the United States and the advancement of the best interests of the citizens of the United States, including jobs and wages, in wording that is clear and unequivocal.

2. That the United States not enter into construction of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or enter into a North American Union with Mexico and Canada.

3. That existing treaties and agreements be publicly and thoroughly reevaluated to ensure compliance with the principles of this memorial.

4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-414. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado relative to support for the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 08-1009

Whereas, the United States supports and has been an active participant in the drafting of, and is a signatory to, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, but the U.S. Senate has failed to ratify the Convention; and

Whereas, the spirit of the Convention is rooted in the goals of the United Nations and the United States, to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women; and

Whereas, the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for challenging the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on gender against one-half of the world's population; and

Whereas, although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal, educational, and other fields during the past century, there is much yet to be accomplished; and

Whereas, through its support, leadership, and prestige, the United States can help create a world in which women are no longer discriminated against and have achieved one of the most fundamental of human rights, equality; and

Whereas, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed the Convention and submitted it to the Senate for ratification; and

Whereas, the U.S. is the only country to have signed but not ratified the convention; and

Whereas, ratification of the Convention would entitle the United States to join the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, which monitors reports of progress in the treatment of women from the countries that have ratified the Convention; and

Whereas, as of November, 2007, a total of 185 countries have ratified or acceded to the Convention, and the state legislatures of more than 10 states have endorsed U.S. ratification: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That the members of the Colorado General Assembly support the continuing goals of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and strongly urge the United States Senate to ratify the Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Chair and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation.

POM-415. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Hampshire urging the federal government to create a simplified process for short-term admissions to nursing homes for the purpose of respite care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, an increasing number of elderly and disabled citizens are being cared for in the home, often by family members, and

Whereas, the home care providers of such persons need time to relax and take care of other responsibilities; and

Whereas, there is an acute need for safe and appropriate short-term placements where elderly and disabled citizens can stay while their home caregivers have a period of respite from providing home-based care; and

Whereas, certain nursing homes in New Hampshire would be willing to provide short-term respite care if there was a simplified and streamlined process for such admissions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the general court of new Hampshire hereby urges Congress to develop a simplified and streamlined process for short-term admissions to nursing homes for the purpose of respite care that minimizes, to the greatest extent possible, paperwork and recordkeeping that needs to be completed prior to and during such admissions; and

That copies of this resolution shall be sent by the senate clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-416. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to provide a federal extension of unemployment benefits for those unemployed workers in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Whereas, our nation, the state of Michigan in particular, has been hard hit by the country's recent recession. Although the overall economy has seen improvement, for states reliant on certain industries the recent years have been characterized by an inordinately high level of unemployment. This situation has been especially difficult in our state's manufacturing and other professional sectors; and

Whereas, in recognition of the country's unemployment difficulties, the United States Congress has provided federal 13-week extensions of unemployment benefits. These extensions have been invaluable in helping working men and women provide the necessities for their families while seeking work. It is only fitting that an extension of benefits be provided to our hard working men and women when, through no fault of their own, these workers are faced with extended periods of unemployment; and

Whereas, a host of Michigan workers have exhausted their state employment security benefits. Without a federal extension, these people and their families face tremendous financial hardships. Moreover, spiraling energy costs and a continuing slow job market spell disaster for far too many of Michigan's working families. The economic well-being and human dignity that a federal extension can help provide in these troubled economic times are critical; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide a federal extension of unemployment benefits for those unemployed workers in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-417. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to enact the Youth Promise Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 310

Whereas, among the most effective approaches to reducing juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity are those preventing children from turning to crime in the first place—encouraging early childhood home visitation, parental love and education, quality schooling, and proven youth and family development initiatives; and

Whereas, there are many alternatives to incarcerating youth that have been proven to be more effective in reducing crime and violence at the national, state, local, and tribal levels. Failure to provide for such effective alternatives is a pervasive problem that leads to increased youth, and later adult, crime and violence; and

Whereas, research funded by the U.S. Department of Justice indicates that gang membership is short-lived among adolescents—with very few youth remaining gang-involved through their adolescent years. This indicates that there are opportunities for intervention; and

Whereas, over-reliance on incarceration and confinement of youth, particularly in the early stages of delinquent behavior and for nonviolent delinquent behavior, has been shown to increase long-term crime risks; and

Whereas, Congress has before it the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act, the Youth PROMISE Act, (H.R. 3846), which seeks to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention and to help build individual, family, and community strength to ensure that our youth lead productive, law-abiding, addiction- and gang-free lives; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act will provide resources to enable communities with the greatest concentration of juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity to come together to assess unmet needs and implement research-based prevention and intervention approaches to promote youth success and community safety; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act creates a PROMISE Advisory Panel, which will help the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention select PROMISE communities. It will also develop standards for the evaluation of juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention methods carried out under the Youth PROMISE Act. Further, it provides for the collection of data related to the juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention needs and resources in each designated geographic area in order to facilitate the strategic geographic allocation of resources provided under the act; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act establishes grants to enable local and tribal communities, via PROMISE Coordinating Councils, to conduct an objective assessment regarding juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity, resource needs, and community strengths necessary to effectively address juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity. Based upon

the assessment, the PROMISE Coordinating Councils will develop plans that include a broad array of prevention and intervention programs that are responsive to the specifics of the community, account for the cultural and linguistic requirements of the community, and utilize approaches that have been shown effective in reducing the likelihood of a young person becoming involved in or continuing delinquent conduct or criminal street gang activity. Upon completion of the plan, the PROMISE Coordinating Councils may then apply for federal funds to assist with implementation. The act also provides for national evaluations of PROMISE programs and activities; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act requires that local units of government or Indian tribes receiving grants shall provide from nonfederal funds, in cash or in-kind, 25 percent of the costs of the activities carried out with such grants; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act establishes a National Center for Proven Practices Research, which will collect and disseminate research to PROMISE Coordinating Councils and to the public (including via an Internet website), as well as other information regarding evidence-based promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention. The act also provides the opportunity for regional research partners to assist with developing their assessments and plans; and

Whereas, The Youth PROMISE Act provides for the hiring and training of Youth-Oriented Policing officers to implement strategic activities to minimize youth crime and victimization and reduce the long-term involvement of juveniles in illicit activities, juvenile delinquency, and criminal street gang activity. The act also establishes a Center for Youth-Oriented Policing, which will be responsible for identification, development, and dissemination to law enforcement agencies the best practices for Youth-Oriented Policing techniques and technologies; and

Whereas, the Youth PROMISE Act provides additional improvements to current laws affecting juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity, including support for youth victim and witness protection programs and extended and increased authorizations for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act, the Youth PROMISE Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-418. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado relative to support for the rotating regional presidential primaries plan; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 08-1006

Whereas, the quadrennial election of the president and vice president of the United States is among the most important civic acts of the voters of the state of Colorado; and

Whereas, the process leading to the nomination of candidates for president and vice president of the United States should be as open and participatory as possible; and

Whereas, voter participation will be enhanced, the political process strengthened, and the rights of all the states and their citi-

zens will be protected with a coordinated, orderly, and defined electoral schedule in place; and

Whereas, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has created a rotating regional presidential primaries plan that:

(1) Groups the states into eastern, southern, midwestern, and western regions beginning in 2012;

(2) Places Colorado in the western region;

(3) Provides for a lottery to determine which region will begin the sequence of presidential primaries commencing on the first Tuesday in March preceding the presidential election and followed by primaries in each region in numerical order in April, May, and June;

(4) Ensures that in subsequent presidential election years each region moves up in the sequence and that the western region, in which Colorado would be placed, will vote in the first regional presidential primary every sixteen years; and

(5) Ensures that states will be able to determine whether they will conduct their elections by a primary or caucus system; and

Whereas, it would be of great benefit for the state of Colorado to affiliate with the western region and to participate in the NASS rotating regional presidential primary commencing in 2012: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, That we, the members of the House of Representatives, support the rotating regional presidential primaries plan endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State and encourage Colorado's participation in those regional primaries commencing in 2012; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation, the Colorado Secretary of State, the chairs of the Colorado Democratic and Republican parties, and the National Association of Secretaries of State.

POM-419. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Tennessee urging Congress to adopt a Veterans Remembered Flag to honor all veterans who have served in our country's Armed Forces; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 901

Whereas, there are flags for all branches of the armed services, as well as flags for POWs and MIAs, but there is no flag to honor the millions of former military personnel who have served our nation; and

Whereas, a flag is a symbol of recognition for a group or an ideal; veterans compose a group and certainly represent an ideal, and surely deserve their own symbol; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans have served in our nation's, military, comprising a significant portion of our country's population; and

Whereas, a Veterans Remembered Flag would memorialize and honor all past, present, and future veterans and provide an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today; and

Whereas, displaying and flying this flag would honor the lives of millions of men and women who have served our country in times of war, peace, and national crisis; and

Whereas, the symbolism of this unique flag's design would be all-inclusive and would pay respect to the history of our nation, to all branches of the military, and would serve to honor those who have served or died in the service of our nation; and

Whereas, in memorializing America's veterans, the Veterans Remembered Flag includes specific symbolism and should be designed in substantially the following form:

(a) It depicts the founding of our Nation through the thirteen stars that emanate from the hoist of the flag and march to the large red star, representing our Nation and the five branches of our country's military that defend her: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

(b) The white star indicates a veteran's dedication to service.

(c) The blue star honors all men and women who have ever served in our country's military.

(d) The gold star memorializes those who fell defending our Nation.

(e) The blue stripe which bears the title of the flag honors the loyalty of veterans to our Nation, flag, and government.

(f) The green field represents the hallowed ground where all rest eternally; and

Whereas, the Veterans Remembered Flag would serve to honor all veterans who have served in our country's Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it further

Resolved, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, and each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2120. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty, expand the middle class, and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-419).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2688. A bill to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption (Rept. No. 110-420).

H.R. 1006. A bill to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-421).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3263. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3264. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to re-

authorize that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 3265. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment of home health services on a reasonable cost basis; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 3266. A bill to require Congress and Federal departments and agencies to reduce the annual consumption of gasoline of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3267. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the Egg Products Inspection Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improved public health and food safety through enhanced enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3268. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes; ordered read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Con. Res. 93. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr.

LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1846

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1846, a bill to improve defense cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the United States.

S. 2059

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2433, a bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, *supra*.

S. 2579

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from